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SUBJECT: CBS CORRESPONDENT FRANK MANITZAS

1. CBS RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT FRANK MANITZAS IN TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION AND LETTER TO AMBASSADOR HAS COMPLAINED OF SEPT 30 CHILEAN MILITARY SEARCH OF HIS HOME WHILE HE WAS ABSENT, AND CONFISCATION SEVEN BOOKS AND 50 MAGAZINES. SAID WHILE OFFICER LEADING GROUP TWO DOZEN SOLDIERS CARRYING RIFLES WAS "COURTEOUS THROUGHOUT" TO MRS. MANITZAS HE ONLY FOLLOWING ORDERS, "REJOINED THERE WOULD BE NO POLITICAL LITERATURE IN CHILE" AND THAT MATERIAL CONFISCATED WOULD BE BURNED.

2. MANITZAS HAS ASKED WE "REGISTER CONCERN ABOUT OCCURRENCE IN APPROPRIATE QUARTERS."

3. PA DISCUSSED MATTER WITH GOC PRESS SPOKESMAN FRED WILLOUGHBY, WHO HAD SEPARATELY REPORTED IT TO HIM AS EVIDENT ACT SPECIAL MILITARY INTELLIGENCE UNIT SUSPICIOUS OF ACTIVITIES EITHER MANITZAS OR HIS WIFE, A PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL SCIENTIST, AUTHOR AND FORD FOUNDATION CHILE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE EMPLOYEE. WILLOUGHBY SAID AFTER BEING INFORMED OF RAID BY MANITZAS HE HAD FURNISHED MANITZAS WITH OFFICIAL DOCUMENT TO BE SHOWN ANY FURTHER SEARCH PARTY SAYING NO ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WITHOUT PREVIOUS CONSULTATION WITH HIM.

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